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CEYLON

BRIEFS

GANJA PLANTATIONS DISCOVERED--Udawalawe. Over five acres of ganja plantations which comprised an estimated 150,000 luxuriantly grown plants are reported to have been discovered in elephant-infested jungle around Muwanpelessa in the Udawalawe National Park recently. The recent raid on this indomitable stronghold of ganja growers was conducted by a posse of wildlife officers led by the Park Warden Samson Silva. Two suspects were taken into custody along with provisions sufficient for ten men for several weeks, while five others escaped. One of the suspects on being produced at the Embilipitiya magistrate court, was found to have records of a previous conviction for the same offence. The magistrate ordered the suspects to be remanded till January 20. In November last year during a raid at Muwanpelessa by Departmental officers two suspects and 100,000 ganja plants were taken into custody. [Text] Colombo THE CEYLON DAILY NEWS in English 20 Jan 81 p 16]

POLICE RAID GANJA PLOT--An elephant-infested ganja plantations six miles from the village of Pussala-Kadura, in the Nildandahinne police area, was raided by the Nildandahinne police on a tip-off. A police party led by Sergeant Wijekoon made a midnight raid, after walking six miles from Pussala-Kadura and seized 31,750 grains of ganja and 500 large plants, about 5 ft. tall. A suspect was also taken into custody. [Text] [Colombo THE CEYLON DAILY NEWS in English 9 Jan 81 p 11]

RS 2 LAKHS FINE--A foreign national attempting to smuggle in hashish valued at over Rs. 70,000 was detected by Customs at the Katunayake Airport yesterday. The hashish was concealed in the false bottom of his suitcase. He was fined Rs. 200,000. [Text] [Colombo THE CEYLON DAILY NEWS in English 14 Jan 81 p 1]

GANJA DESTROYED--Police destroyed 250,000 ganja plants they found being cultivated on a 20-acre plantation in the thick jungles of Moneragala, 25 km away from Siyambalanduwa in Pottuvil. [Text] [Colombo THE CEYLON DAILY NEWS in English 14 Jan 81 p 1]

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HONG KONG

CUSTOMS MANPOWER INCREASED TO HELP FOIL DRUG SMUGGLERS

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 12 Jan 81 p 14

/Report by Renu Daryanani/

/Excerpts/

The fight against drug smugglers will be boosted this year by a 30 per cent manpower increase in the Customs and Excise Service.

The move is timely in view of the bumper yield of opium expected from the Golden Triangle — after a two-year drought — the Commissioner of Customs and Controls, Mr Douglas Jordan, said yesterday.

Staff resources in these sections are "a bit scant" now and the service has been unable to give "proper coverage" to searching ships and cargo, he said.

Both the investigation and harbour divisions of the service will get the manpower boost in the financial year starting from April.

The actual number of men involved in the manpower boost remains an "operational secret," but Mr Jordan said the entire Customs and Controls branch has 2,200 men.

(The branch is made up of the Customs and Excise Service and the Trade Control Service, which is concerned with issuing import and export licences, certificates of origins and checking goods.)

The increase is expected to complete a three-year expansion scheme in the Trade Industry and Customs Department.

Plans are afoot to introduce regionalisation in the department at the end of the year.

"Previously we used to steal men from other departments to staff the investigation division," Mr Jordan said.

"We're short of anti-narcotics patrols now and unable to do as much as we want to. But we'll be more systematic with the manpower increase," he said.

The harbour division, too, will be able to give better coverage to searching ships and cargo with the manpower increase, Mr Jordan said.

"Right now, we're concentrating on the vessels and people from destinations where there's the likeliest danger," he said.

The Customs and Excise Service arrested 764 people last year — mostly in connection with offences involving drugs.

The blackmarket value of the drugs seized by the service last year (excluding police seizures) is estimated at \$73.8 million.

Anti-narcotics officials worldwide fear the opium harvest from the Golden Triangle (Burma, Laos and Thailand) may reach 600 tons this year because of good weather and intensified cultivation by the hill tribes.

The poor harvest of the past two years reduced the opium yield to just over 200 tons.

"The main factor of a bigger crop will be that the street prices are likely to come down," Mr Jordan said.

The principal means of drug smuggling is still through the courier while ships are used to bring in larger quantities, he said.

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HONG KONG

RESULTS OF DRUG ADDICT REHABILITATION PROGRAM CITED

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 10 Jan 81 p 6

/Text/

Of the 150 drug addicts who registered at the Wu Oi Christian Centre, in Chuk Yuen, last year, 60 were admitted to treatment centres of which only nine completed their seven-month rehabilitation course.

Of the nine, all but one remained drug free.

Last year, officials of the centre visited 550 drug addict homes, appeared in court 25 times on behalf of drug addicts, visited 40 convicted addicts and conducted 86 educational anti-drug programmes in schools, youth groups and churches.

These facts were disclosed by the director of Wu Oi Christian Centre, the Rev Harold Shock, at a lunch meeting organised by the Y's Men's Club of Hongkong.

Mr Shock, an American Baptist missionary, recalled that the first time he got "hooked" on drug rehabilitation was in 1973 when he saw a heroin addict arranging a fix in a public lavatory.

He asked the addict whether he wanted to quit.

The addict replied quite clearly that all drug abusers wanted to quit.

"What arrangements will

be required to help you quit?" he asked.

Among the many facets to his answer, Mr Shock remembers two.

The addict said he needed a quiet place and to be with people who understood him.

Mr Shock has never forgotten this.

Of his staff of 10, six are former drug addicts who continue to have a "feel" for the local drug situation.

Apart from the Wu Oi Centre, there are operations in the Tsz Wan Shan area and two remote village detoxification and training centres.

Last September, the centre had to vacate its Shalotung site in Taiipo.

However, two new locations have been secured and in operation — one on Lantau, which can accommodate 14 men, and the other in Longke, Sai Kung, with room for a similar number.

Plans are also underway to operate programmes for drug-addicted couples.

Mr Shock said that, according to the Government's narcotics division report, six per cent of Hongkong's drug addicts are female, which

means more than 2,000 women.

"Our Wu Oi staff feel that, firstly, female drug addicts have influenced our men who have been or are being detoxified, and, secondly, because there is no specific Christian centre for females, we ought to get involved in this area.

To augment the work the Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts is doing in Wanchai, Mr Shock said they now have university-educated and Tai Lam Chung-trained women workers laying down the groundwork for a suitable Christian treatment centre for females.

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HONG KONG

KILLER OF DRUG TRAFFICKER SENTENCED TO DEATH

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 18 Jan 81 p 17

/Text/

A 25-year-old drug trafficker, Siu Chi-kai, was sentenced to death at the close of the "mince-meat" murder trial.

He was found guilty by a High Court jury on Tuesday of the murder of international drug trafficker Peter Chan.

At the trial, evidence was given that after Peter Chan was killed, flesh was torn from his body, ground in a mincer and flushed down the toilet.

His skeleton was thrown into the sea and the skull and rib-cage were later washed ashore on Castle Peak beach.

Acting Assistant Crown prosecutor Joseph Duffy asked Mr Justice Power if the

skull and "bag of bones" could be confiscated by the police forensic laboratory.

The judge made an order to this effect.

Siu was also sentenced to nine years' imprisonment for conspiracy to traffic in dangerous drugs to which he had pleaded guilty.

Li Kwai-fan (32) was also charged with the murder of Peter Chan, but the jury found him guilty of manslaughter.

The judge sent him to prison for eight years.

Ip Yuk-chuen (25) and Chan Chi-shing (30) were both found guilty of conspiracy to traffic in dangerous drugs and were sent to prison for 10 years each.

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HONG KONG

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HEROIN TRAFFICKING SENTENCES--Five men were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from eight to 10 years in the High Court yesterday for conspiracy to traffic in dangerous drugs. Four of them were convicted after a trial and one had pleaded guilty. A 19-year-old youth, Ying Chai-on, who was also convicted, was remanded for sentencing in two weeks after probation reports. Mr Commissioner Hooper sentenced Deera Dugkoonvottiobas (36) to 10 years, Vichien Suwanalitret (37) to 10 years and Lert Hewphong (36) to nine years. The last named had pleaded guilty. All three are Thai nationals. Lam Che-keung (32) was sentenced to 10 years and Yip Kam-wing (31) to eight. During the trial the court was told that heroin with a street value of \$5 million was found in the suitcase in the possession of the first two accused when they were arrested by customs men in a hotel. The three Thais were shown to have made numerous journeys from Bangkok to Hongkong and back during the past year. The other three men, all from Hongkong, were said to have played a minor role. [Excerpt] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 31 Dec 80 p 7] A 19-year-old hospital canteen worker, Ying Chai-on, convicted by a jury of involvement in smuggling \$5 million of heroin into Hongkong, was sent to a detention centre by Mr Commissioner Hooper in the High Court yesterday. [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 13 Jan 81 p 16]

MORPHINE MANUFACTURERS SENTENCED--A tenant of a flat in To Kwa Wan who was found with equipment for the manufacture of morphine in his sitting room was yesterday sentenced to seven years' imprisonment by Mr Commissioner Hooper in the High Court. Cheng Kung-wai (32) had pleaded guilty to manufacturing dangerous drugs and allowing the premises to be used for this purpose. The court had been told that a plastic worker, Ng Kam-yu (39), was found sitting on the air-conditioner of a flat on the eighth floor of the building while police raided Cheng's flat on the 12th floor. Ng denied he had any connection with the manufacture of drugs but was found guilty by a jury after a trial. He was sent to prison for eight years yesterday. A third man, Lee Muk (41), tried to climb out of the window when police raided the flat but fell to his death on the first floor podium. Two women found in the flat were acquitted by the jury of manufacturing dangerous drugs. [Excerpt] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 20 Jan 81 p 14]

RAW OPIUM SEIZURE--Narcotics Bureau detectives last night raided a Cheungshawan flat and seized 2.26 kilogrammes of raw opium valued at about \$72,000 on the retail market. A 34-year-old man who was in the second floor flat of a building in Cheung Fat Street was arrested. [Text] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 8 Jan 81 p 13]

HEROIN DISTRIBUTION CENTER--Detectives last night arrested two men and a woman in a flat at the Wai Hung Cheong estate, Hunghom, following the seizure of 22 packets of No 3 heroin. Officers from the Special Duty Squad of Kowloon City Police Station believe the flat was being used as a distribution centre. /Text/ /Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 16 Jan 81 p 12/

FRENCH COUPLE ARRESTED--A French couple who live in Hongkong were arrested at Kai Tak airport last night after Narcotics Bureau officers found a kilogram of suspected hashish marijuana concealed in three aerosol cans. The arrested pair, both 29, are being detained for inquiries. Police said the aerosol cans, "giving the appearance of shaving cream, hair spray and stain remover," were found about 8 pm. /Text/ /Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 19 Jan 81 p 19/

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SRI LANKA

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PLANTATION GROWERS OF GANJA FINED--A police party led by Inspector Nimal Kariyawasam of the Chinabay Police last week raided a ganja plantation fourteen miles off the Allai-Kantalai road and arrested one suspect. The plantation about one acre in extent had been in the heart of the jungle. When the suspect was produced before the Trincomalee Magistrate, V. P. Suntheralingam he pleaded guilty to the charges. The Magistrate fined him Rs. 400. [Text] [Colombo SUN in English 16 Jan 81 p 3]

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CANADA

DRUG CHARGE REDUCED IN HASHISH OIL SMUGGLING CASE

Toronto THE GLOBE AND MAIL in English 7 Jan 81 p 9

[Text]

BRAMPTON — Two young London, Ont., women, charged with drug smuggling, were allowed to plead guilty yesterday to the lesser offence of possessing a drug for the purpose of trafficking.

In sentencing Sandra Watkins, 16, and Kathleen Lewis, 18, to a year in jail and 15 months respectively, Provincial Judge John Ord said yesterday that he would have found it difficult to impose the minimum seven-year term for smuggling a narcotic.

The two young women were arrested last March when a Canada Customs officer at Toronto International Airport found almost eight pounds of hashish oil, valued at about \$50,000, on them as they returned to Canada from Jamaica.

The judge said their storing of the hashish oil in packs strapped to their bodies made the intention to smuggle quite clear.

The prosecution had asked for a term of three to four years in penitentiary, but Judge Ord accepted the arguments for lesser terms from Miss Watkins' lawyer Robert Weseloh, who said his client, in addition to being "a youthful first offender like her friend," used to teach Sunday school.

Mr. Weseloh said outside the court that his client had been ready to proceed with a trial on the smuggling charge, but agreed to plead guilty when the prosecution allowed a plea on the reduced charge.

Eric de Vecker, a prosecutor for the federal Justice Department in Toronto, said that factors such as a person's character, background, age, the kind of drug and the quantity involved influence the decision to reduce charges.

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GUILTY VERDICT--A 32-year-old woman was the "captain" of a conspiracy to import seven pounds of almost pure cocaine into Vancouver from Bolivia, a county court judge ruled Monday. The drug, estimated by police to be worth \$2-\$3 million on the street, was stopped in Kingston, Jamaica. Judge Tom Fisher convicted Kristine Lyons, 32; John Prevedoros, 30; Brian McGuire, 29; and David Fladgate on the conspiracy charge which covered the period between October, 1977, and January, 1978. They were remanded in custody for sentence. The judge found that the accused conspired between themselves and with two unindicted co-conspirators, Dawne Baxter and Debra Berven. He said they were linked in a close relationship by telephone interceptions and conversations monitored in a downtown hotel and at Lyons' home on Nanton Avenue. Reviewing the evidence in a 23-page judgment, Judge Fisher said: "I am satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that Kristine Lyons, Brian McGuire, John Prevedoros, and David Fladgate, along with Baxter and Berven, entered into an agreement of the plan to import cocaine from Bolivia into Canada...." He said that Lyons (who operated two women's clothing stores in Vancouver) was "engulfed by a torrent of evidence" and "was clearly the captain who chartered this affair." [Text] [Vancouver THE VANCOUVER SUN in English 13 Jan 81 p B9]

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BAHAMAS

BRIEFS

THREE ON BAIL--Bail totalling \$65,000 was granted to two Cuban Americans and an American arrested in Bimini Wednesday and charged with possession of 45 bales of marijuana. Angel Garcia, 43, of Miami, Florida, was charged with possession of 27 bales of marijuana December 17 at Alice Town, Bimini. He was also charged with possession with intent to supply. Garcia was granted bail at \$25,000 cash by Magistrate Joseph Alfred. Trial is set for June 20. Martin Brooks, 24, and Edward Castro Jr. 25, were co-charged with possession of 18 bales of marijuana December 17 at Alice Town Bimini, and possession with intent to supply. Brooks and Castro were each granted bail of \$20,000 cash. Trial is set for June 20. [Text] [Nassau THE TRIBUNE in English 24 Dec 80 p 11]

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BERMUDA

BRIEFS

COCAINE CHARGE--A 27-year-old man appeared before magistrates court accused of importing cocaine into Bermuda. Lee David Foggo, 27, of Great Bay Road, St. David's, is charged with importation and possession with intent to supply the drug. He was released on \$1,500 bail with one surety until December 29. [Text] [Hamilton THE ROYAL GAZETTE in English 15 Dec 80 p 5]

IMPORT OF DRUGS--An American appeared in court charged with importing cannabis, hashish and barbituric acid. Dennis James Murphy, from Atlanta, Georgia, was not required to plea to the charges. The prosecution alleges that Murphy, 30, imported the drugs into Bermuda on December 21. The Senior Magistrate, the Wor. Richard Hector, remanded the accused in custody until January 19. [Text] [Hamilton THE ROYAL GAZETTE in English 7 Jan 81 p 2]

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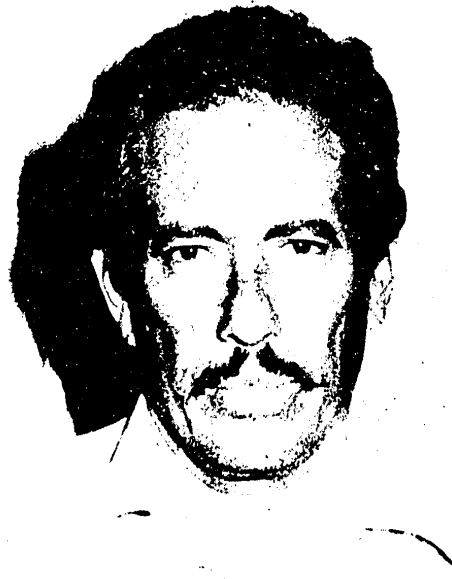
COLOMBIA

DRUG TRAFFIC 'TSAR' PENA AYALA FREED

Nuevo Laredo EL DIARIO DE NUEVO LAREDO in Spanish 26 Oct 80 Sec D p 3

[For additional information on Pena Ayala see JPRS L/9456, 22 December 1980, FOUO 53/80 of this series, page 52]

/Text/



Ramiro Pena, who is considered to be one of the 'tsars' of international drug trafficking, was freed as the result of a legal blunder involving a very flimsy investigation by the Federal Prosecutor's Office.

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JAMAICA

BRIEFS

MARIHUANA PLANE--One of a group of men trying to get what the police believe to be a "ganja plane" airborne was killed when he was struck in the head by a propeller of the aircraft on a beach at Negril on Monday afternoon. The dead man is Mr. Cosnel Jackson, 26, farmer of Orange Hill, Negril, Westmoreland. The police reported that Walter Preble, 35, pilot of P.O. Box 222, Glen New Hampshire, USA, has been arrested and charged with illegal landing. [as published] The police said that an amphibian aircraft landed at the Negril beach shortly after 3 p.m. on Monday. The aircraft, which they believed came for ganja, was about to take off when it developed engine trouble and became stuck in the sand. Mr. Jackson was among a group of men who was trying to get the plane airborne when the propeller struck him in the head. When a police party arrived on the scene the other men ran, leaving Mr. Jackson who was taken to the Savanna-la-Mar Hospital. Preble was later arrested by the police. The plane is registered N99EZ. [Text] [Kingston THE DAILY GLEANER in English 24 Dec 80 p 21]

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MEXICO

OFFICIAL CLAIMS ZONAL TRAFFICKING CUT IN 1980

Culiacan EL SOL DE SINALOA in Spanish 6 Jan 81 pp 1, 6

[Text] In comparison with the results accrued during 1979 by the action taken by the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic through the coordinator of Zone 006 of the permanent campaign against drug trafficking, there was a considerable drop in the number of those arrested and the quantity of drugs seized during the year that has just ended.

In making the foregoing statement, the head of the entity, Hector Aviles Castillo, noted that, whereas in 1980 626 persons were arrested for crimes against health, during the immediately previous year the number of arrests was 907, which gives an idea of the reduction that has occurred in these illegal activities.

The federal official also compared the amount of marihuana seized, indicating that, during 1979, it was 46 tons, as compared with 9 tons last year, thereby attesting to the fact that the activities carried out by forces from the Federal Judicial Police, the Office of the Attorney General and the Mexican Army have brought good dividends, eradicating to a considerable extent that scourge on society which, although it has not been completely eliminated, is having a lesser effect at present.

The amount of marihuana and poppy seed confiscated during the year now ending was less also, because in 1980 27 kilograms and 603 grams of the former, and 15 kilograms and 803 grams of the latter, were seized, whereas in 1979 the respective amounts seized by the authorities engaged in the permanent campaign against drug trafficking were 258 and 70 kilograms, respectively, according to the campaign coordinator.

When asked the main reason to which he would attribute the decline in these activities, Aviles Castillo categorically stated that, on the one hand, the policy of the attorney general, Oscar Flores Sanchez, toward the farmers arrested for these offenses and later released when it was proven to be their first participation therein, has made it possible for a recurrence not to take place; and, furthermore, they have been instructed to devote their time to activities within the law.

Less opium gum was confiscated than the year before also, because in the latter year the amount was 11,875 kilograms, as opposed to 2,029 kilograms seized in 1980. With regard to heroin, the coordinator said that, in 1979, 2,596 kilograms were seized, and this was the only category in which there was an increase in 1980, owing to the strict surveillance on the part of the forces under his orders, who seized 9,848 kilograms.

Aviles Castillo remarked that the intervention of the Army troops was the deciding factor in the confiscation of weapons that were being carried unlawfully. They numbered 89 long-barreled and 71 short-barreled types, with 3,469 useful rounds of ammunition, which were seized, in action aimed at seeking greater calmness in the state.

On the topic of fumigation, the federal official said that, during 1979, 16,078 poppy plantations were destroyed manually, and 11, 217 by fumigation; whereas in the year now ended, the number of plantations destroyed was 8,582 and 7,929, respectively.

Also, the number of marihuana plantations destroyed in 1980 was 1,036 by fumigation and 498 manually, in contrast to the 1979 figure, which was 2,677 and 206, respectively. With regard to the mixed plantations, he said that the number was 75 in 1979, as compared with 59 last year.

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MEXICO

TRAFFICKER CAUGHT WITH VARIOUS DRUGS

Ciudad Juarez EL FRONTERIZO in Spanish 22 Dec 80 Sec E p 6

[Text] Yesterday, a lone trafficker in marihuana and hard drugs was arrested by agents of the Police Inspector's Office of Special Services, who found in his possession five kilograms of marihuana, 20 grams of heroin and 130 psychotropic pills of different types.

The individual in custody is Mario Alberto Rodriguez Velarde, aged 22, who said that he resided in the Azteca development in this town.

Upon being questioned, the trafficker claimed that he had already succeeded in selling about five kilograms, especially among addicts to this grass residing in the neighboring city of El Paso, Texas.

He said that he had earned 45,000 pesos from the sales that were made, without specifying how much he charged per kilogram; because he usually sold the portions in plastic bags known as "cans."

The trafficker himself estimates that he sold the drugs for 7,000 pesos per kilogram, based on the profits that he made.

He also sold the psychotropic pills to the same addicts, drugs which he brought from the state capital and from a place called Santo Nino.

He said that a paste also found in his possession was hashish, which he had brought to show to a purchaser of his in the neighboring city, who he said identified himself as Ruben Medrano, an individual who apparently resides in the North Loop area.

When the questioning was continued, Rodriguez Velarde said that he bought both the grass, the pills and the other drugs from a cousin named Miguel Rodriguez, aged 30, who obtained all of them in the small town of Santo Nino, near the state capital.

He remarked that he had paid his cousin the sum of 40,000 pesos for the last shipment that he carried to this border.

It was agents Ruben Alvarado and Ramon Aguilar who, after intensive activity, managed to capture this trafficker, who was driving a 1972 Dodge Dart car, without license plates.

When he was first questioned, he said that he had the entire shipment that he had brought from Chihuahua in the house of a relative who resides in the Azteca development.

He also agreed that, on previous occasions, he had brought marihuana to this border and had sold it "raw"; and hence he could not determine the weight of what was sold.

He said that this might be the fourth or fifth time that he brought marihuana, but claimed not to know the names of the purchasers, who were definitely residents of the neighboring country.

Rodriguez Velarde was found to have in his possession 100 Cacidrin pills, 30 Octamez pills and six Ecuagesic pills, as well as the 20 grams of heroin and the sample of hashish.

The police inspector, Gilberto Garcia Torres, reported that this case will be turned over to the agency of the Federal Public Ministry today.



Mario Alberto Rodriguez Velarde, a lone trafficker who was found to have in his possession five kilograms of marihuana, 20 grams of heroin, as well as toxic pills and a hashish sample, was arrested by agents from Special Services.

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MEXICO

POLICE, ARMY DESTROY POPPY PLANTATIONS

Nuevo Laredo EL DIARIO DE NUEVO LAREDO in Spanish 19 Dec 80 Sec C p 3

[Text] Yesterday, five poppy plantations were destroyed by forces from the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic, assisted by members of the National Army from the Seventh Zone. These drugs were located in the vicinity of the La Papa farm, on the Jesus Maria communal land in the municipality of Linares, Nuevo Leon.

This work, which was carried out over a period of 16 hours, is known as Operation Condor, according to a communique released by the coordinator of the Attorney General's Office in this town.

The spokesman for that department stated that the first plantation was found to cover about 40,000 square meters, the second 7,200, the third 2,000, the fourth 2,400 and the fifth 3,000. It was also explained that the density of plants on each square meter was 30, and that they had just bloomed, because they were about 15 centimeters tall.

The coordinator, Carlos Aguilar Garza, explained that checks are made constantly by helicopters and airplanes from the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic; because this aircraft has powerful cameras which can take pictures from certain distances and, when they are developed, a check is made. As a result, when the discovery is made the destruction begins.

He said that this destruction was carried out under orders from forces of the Federal Judicial Police, as well as members of the Army commanded by Maj Jorge Caballero Portillo and Lt Euterio Perez Rodriguez, headed by Maj Gen Salvador Revueltas, a staff member.

According to the coordinator's report, the owners of these areas were not captured, because their whereabouts is not known yet; but an investigation will be made in the public register of property, and action will be taken against those who turn out to be responsible.

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MEXICO

TRAFFICKERS SHIPPING MARIHUANA BY RAIL CAPTURED

Ciudad Juarez EL FRONTERIZO in Spanish 31 Dec 80 Sec E p 1

[Text] A total of 687 kilograms of marihuana seized, five persons arrested and three vehicles confiscated comprised the blow dealt by Federal Judicial Police agents yesterday against the drug traffic on this border.

Those in custody are: Jesus de Anda Parra, alias "El Garza," a native of the state of Oaxaca, who headed the group; Raul Medina Navarro, aged 30, with a residence in Oaxaca; and Arturo Vera Hernandez, aged 23, from the same state.

Also arrested were Jose Ruiz Garay, aged 24, and Manuel Mejia Ramos, aged 35, who live on the Juarez y Reforma communal farm.

Federal Judicial Police Comdr Jose Ernesto Guerena Urbina, in charge of the local headquarters because of the absence of the head, Jorge Octavio Esquinca, reported that they had been working on this case for several days.

The three Oaxacans were responsible for purchasing and packing the marihuana, and shipping it by rail to this border. They packed it in well secured wooden crates, making the shipments from Oaxaca.

Once here, they were received at the Mexican National Railway station, and sent to different areas in Valle de Juarez, from which they were taken to the neighboring United States.

Manuel Mejia and Jose Ruiz Garay were in charge of sending the marihuana to the neighboring country, for which they received payment of \$200.

The three marihuana traffickers, natives of the state of Oaxaca, did not confess the location in the mountains of that state where they were obtaining the grass.

The vehicles seized from the traffickers were: a 1967 Ford pickup truck, with license plates YTB-310 and State of Texas plates TV-4824; another Ford pickup truck, a 1973 model with license plates 950-YVH; and a 1973 Chevrolet Nova, with Federal District license plates 345-BHL.

Comdr Guerena Urbina said that a kilogram of marihuana sold in the United States might be worth \$300.

In conclusion, he noted that both the marihuana, the individuals under arrest and the confiscated vehicles, the origin of which is also being investigated, will be placed at the disposal of the agent of the Federal Public Ministry today.



Raul Medina Navarro, Arturo Vera Hernandez, Jesus de Anda Parra, Jose Ruiz Garay and Manuel Mejia Ramos are the five drug traffickers who were arrested on the afternoon of the day before yesterday by Federal Judicial Police agents aided by the State Judicial Police.

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MEXICO

POPPY PLANTATION DISCOVERED, TRAFFICKERS ESCAPE

Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 6 Jan 81 Sec B p 5

[Text] Several drug traffickers who were cultivating a poppy plantation and who were very familiar with the area in which they were located managed to escape moments before Federal Judicial Police forces raided the San Manuel farm in the municipality of Linares, Nuevo Leon.

The raid took place on Saturday afternoon. It was reported that, on Saturday morning, pilots from the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic making reconnaissance flights in a helicopter in the vicinity of Linares succeeded in locating and making a perfect siting of a poppy plantation.

They notified Carlos Aguilar Garza, coordinator of the campaign against drug trafficking, who headed a contingent of federal agents that went to the aforementioned location.

In the farm house they found clues indicating that its residents had left the place hastily. Nearby, in the most rugged area of the mountains, they discovered a poppy plantation measuring about 10,000 square meters, with plants between 5 and 10 centimeters tall, and a density of 40 plants per square meter.

Aguilar Garza said that when it produced its crop the poppy plantation could readily yield approximately 10 kilograms or more of opium gum which, when processed, would represent slightly over 1 kilogram of very pure heroin.

After arduous investigations, the officials managed to establish the full identity of the farm owner and of some of those cultivating and "scoring" the poppy bulbs; but none of them were captured.

In accordance with instructions issued by the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic, the plantation was manually destroyed, collecting only samples of the harmful plants, which will be used at the appropriate time during the pertinent proceedings.

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MEXICO

DRUG TRAFFICKING RINGS REPORTED BROKEN UP IN 1980

Ciudad Juarez EL FRONTERIZO in Spanish 25 Dec 80 pp 1, 7

[Text] Mexico City, 24 December (OEM)—According to official disclosures made by the Office of the Attorney General of Justice, this year that office succeeded in breaking up 194 drug trafficking rings throughout the entire Mexican Republic, having connections with international crime.

The federal agents also managed to capture 2,989 Mexican drug traffickers, and 144 foreigners.

During the permanent campaign against the planting and cultivation of drugs which the aforementioned department is conducting, 36,000 marihuana and poppy plantations located in the high-altitude sections of the Eastern and Western Sierra Madre were destroyed.

In the campaign, which is headed by the deputy prosecutor, Samuel Alva Leyva, the forces succeeded in seizing 13 aircraft and two ships which the drug traffickers were using to ship the drugs to other countries, mainly the United States; and they also confiscated 416 vehicles, including trailers, pickup trucks and cars.

The federal agents also dismantled nine clandestine laboratories in different states of the republic wherein the drug traffickers were processing drugs.

Moreover, according to statistical data provided by the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic, it was noted that 1,294 weapons, both high-powered and short-barreled, in addition to 48,723 useful rounds of ammunition, were seized.

Jorge Eduardo Garcia Torres, deputy chief of the drug control unit, explained that during the campaign against drugs, 46 members of the Federal Judicial Police and pilots from the Attorney General's Office had lost their lives.

At the present time (he remarked), the aforementioned department is using 24 helicopters and 18 airplanes to locate and fumigate drugs.

He said that there are 280 federal agents to combat drug trafficking, aided by Mexican Army forces as well. The attorney general of the republic, Oscar Flores Sanchez, also said that, this year, the federal government has waived penal action against 5,000 farmers who have been deceived by the drug traffickers taking advantage of the poverty in which they live.

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MEXICO

SMUGGLERS OF DRUGS INTO PRISON CAPTURED

Nuevo Laredo .EL MANANA in Spanish 6 Jan 81 Sec B p 5

[Text] The illegal activities of a couple and a federal convict who had, for a long time, been the main suppliers of toxic pills and marihuana consumed by the addicts incarcerated in the Social Rehabilitation Center were cut off Sunday morning, when a woman was caught bringing psychotropic pills into La Loma.

The Federal Judicial Police group chief, Jorge Nunez Mora, is responsible for the investigation of Mrs Piedad Maldonado Eguia, Ignacio Morales R. and the federal convict Roberto Rendon Ordonez.

When deputy warden Arturo Reyes Cisneros made an inspection of cell No 6 (north side) on the second floor of La Loma, he found that Rendon Ordonez had 107 toxic pills that he had concealed in the left pocket of his pants, as well as 18 joints of marihuana that were under the mattress of his cot.

Rendon Ordonez was taken into custody in November 1977, in connection with trial 245-977, for which he is serving a 5-year jail sentence. In the third district court, he is awaiting sentencing in connection with case 183-979.

With regard to the latter, it was reported that, in July 1979, a large amount of toxic pills as well as two bags containing opium gum were found in the cell that he was occupying at La Loma.

As for the incidents for which another trial is to be initiated against him, it was reported that at 1000 hours on Sunday, guards from the jail at the entrance to that building arrested Mrs Piedad Maldonado Eguia, who had asked permission to visit her common-law husband, Roberto Rendon Ordonez.

She was carrying a bag apparently containing only shopping items; but, when it was carefully searched, it was found to contain a package with a total of 401 10-milligram Vidalen pills.

She confessed that an individual named Ignacio Morales R. had given them to her so that she, in turn, could deliver them to Rendon Ordonez.

The prison deputy warden was just about to search the cell of the aforementioned convict when Ignacio Morales arrived at the jail, and the latter was immediately taken into custody.

Ignacio Morales apparently showed up in order to meet with Rendon Ordonez, to charge him for the pills that he had been providing him.

Piedad Maldonado Eguia and Ignacio Morales R. were immediately placed at the disposal of the Federal Judicial Police for the pertinent investigation.



Federal convict Roberto Rendon Ordonez had been supplying drugs for several months in the La Loma prison. On Sunday, the deputy warden of that prison found in his possession 18 joints of marihuana and a large number of psychotropic pills.

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MEXICO

BRIEFS

THAI TRAFFICKERS HELD--Mexico City, 10 December--This morning, the two Thai who were captured by the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic with pure heroin worth over 130 million pesos were remanded to a federal judge. The two drug traffickers, who confessed, will have to answer to the charges of importing, transporting, trafficking and possession of heroin. The sixth district judge of penal affairs announced that the statements of the two Thai will be taken today, and that they are not entitled to release on bail. Early in the morning, the two drug traffickers, who claimed that their lives were in danger because of having made accusations against an employee of the DEA (a United States agency for combating drugs), were taken to the northern prison under tight security. Together with the remand, the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic sent medical certificates attesting to the fact that the drug traffickers are in perfect physical condition, and that there are no marks of physical violence on their bodies. [Text] [H. Matamoros EL BRAVO in Spanish 11 Dec 80 p 14] 2909

ANTIDRUG CAMPAIGN REPORT--"Our efforts are not temporary, but must be expended exhaustively all year long, because there cannot be a moment's rest in countering those engaged in the planting, harvesting and cultivation of drugs. For as soon as we stop our activities, they immediately take advantage of the occasion and try to capitalize on any letdown." The foregoing statement was made by Hector Aviles Castillo, coordinator of the Zone 006 permanent campaign against drug trafficking, who said that the forces from the Attorney General's Office under his command will work intensively at the end of this year to locate and destroy plantations. The instructions issued by Oscar Flores Sanchez, the attorney general of the nation, in response to the concern of the president of the nation, Jose Lopez Portillo, to make attempts to eliminate crimes against health to the maximum degree possible, call for untiring action all year to reduce drug production insofar as possible. Upon being asked about the activities to be carried out by the offices this month, he said that the personnel would work according to the vacation schedules, and that there would be constant attention at all times, since there will be guards to receive all reports, or to deal directly with the coordinator, the Federal Public Ministry and the Federal Judicial Police. Finally, Aviles Castillo noted that the reconnaissance flights would be intensified to detect the largest number of plantations, so that immediate steps could be taken to fumigate wherever possible, and to report the rest, so that they may be destroyed manually. [Text] [Culiacan EL SOL DE SINALOA in Spanish 16 Dec 80 pp 1, 2] 2909

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COUNTRY SECTION

PERU

YEAREND REPORT ON PIP NARCOTICS OPERATIONS

Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish 1 Jan 81 p 12

[Text] In various antidrug operations carried out by the Peruvian Investigative Police (PIP) on a national scale in 1980, 5,322 kilos of drugs, including basic cocaine paste and marihuana, were seized. The drugs were valued at 2.192 billion soles on the black market.

Police confiscated 258,376,000 soles in national currency, and dollars, Swiss francs and Colombian pesos, from the powerful international drug trafficking bands. The large amounts of money were placed in the Bank of the Nation.

Also seized were 152 vehicles, a ship and real property, valued at several million soles. During the various operations undertaken to break up the powerful organizations engaged in the transport and sale of the "white gold," the PIP arrested 1,340 people as of October. It is estimated that even more people were arrested during the last 2 months of this past year.

In the capital and provinces, 23 clandestine laboratories were discovered, equipped with modern technology for the processing of cocaine hydrochloride at maximum purity. Its value on the world market averages \$130,000 per kilo, equivalent to more than 40 million soles.

The highly competent DNTID severed the tentacles of vast international drug-trafficking mafias. These groups were equipped with airplanes, secret landing fields, a ship and other means of transportation.

Operation "Green Sea"

A large number of secret coca fields in Tingo Maria, Huanuco and San Martin were destroyed in a joint action by the Civil Guard and the PIP, with the logistical support of the Navy and the Air Force.

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EGYPT

DRUG CONTROL DIRECTOR REVIEWS DEPARTMENT'S ACTIVITIES

Cairo AL-AHRAM in Arabic 4 Dec 80 p 11

[Article by Husayn Ghanim: "Seizure of 4 Million Poppy Plants in Upper Egypt; New Legislation to Confiscate Such Lands in Interest of State Is Under Study"]

[Text] A study is currently underway on a new bill submitted by the security agencies of the Egyptian Ministry of Interior in preparation to submitting it to the authorities concerned. The bill has been submitted in light of the outcome of seizures in large areas of cultivable lands used by drug dealers for the cultivation of poppy plants and hemp [cannabis] for the production of hashish and opium. The new bill aims at confiscating such lands in the interest of the people and at cultivating them with crops after they are discovered by remote sensors.

The drug control agencies have been able to seize 3,846,000 poppy and hemp plants in lands in Upper Egypt, 19,960 kilograms of hashish, 1,030 kilograms of opium, 129,124 [cubic] centimeters of the Makston Fort drug, 65 kilograms of drug pills, in addition to apprehending a number of international gangs.

This information is contained in the annual report made public by Maj Gen Sami As'ad, the general director of the General Drug Control Department. Major General As'ad has also said that as a result of the reorganization of the Ministry of Interior introduced by Muhammad Isma'il Nabawi, the deputy prime minister and minister of interior, the post of assistant minister of interior for social security has been established, that this post is in control of the drug department, (juveniles) department, morals department and the prisons department and that this has had a big impact on realizing the goal for which the post was established. Maj Gen Sami As'ad, the drug director, added that the drug agencies are currently in need of only some resources for discovering lands cultivated with drugs because such discoveries are made scientifically at present through sensor centers that direct special aircraft to discover and photograph such crops. In the light of these discoveries, plans are made to direct inspection campaigns in order to seize such crops quickly. The drug law calls for the confiscation of all means used for concealment, such as a vehicle or a briefcase, until the case is decided. The specialized agencies in the Ministry of Interior, in participation with the General Drug Control Department, are preparing a new bill for the confiscation of lands cultivated with drug plants, regardless of whether cultivated by the owner with clear intent or by the tenant in partnership with the owner.

The activities of the drug control agencies have not been confined to internal control operations in Egypt alone but have extended outside the country and at the international level, as when these agencies notified the British security agencies about an international gang that smuggles drugs in cars, (as they notified other parts of Europe and of the world).

Maj Gen Sami As'ad also referred to the effective role of the Egyptian drug control agencies in persuading addicts and sending them to special hospitals and in contacting clergymen, public figures and schools to hold symposiums and lectures to counter addiction.

The United Nations also contributed when it became certain that Egypt is serious in fighting the cultivation of drug crops and has agreed with the Egyptian government to allocate \$450,000 from the UN Fund to fight and destroy such crops. A legal [religious] opinion has also been issued by the mufti proscribing drugs.

Medical research has also been conducted to wipe out the rumors asserting that drugs are not harmful. Drivers involved in serious road accidents are also examined within a new program for the treatment of addicts by a new institute set up by the Ministry of Health.

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EGYPT

DRUG REPROCESSING PLANT SEIZED

Cairo AL-AHRAM in Arabic 7 Dec 80 p 10

[Article by Husayn Ghanim: "Seizure of Drugs Worth One Million Pounds in Plant for Mixing Hashish Run by Dealer in Rawd al-Faraj"]

[Text] The Cairo intelligence forces have been able to seize a major plant in Rawd al-Faraj run by a drug dealer for re-packaging drugs and adding alien substances to them. A large quantity of hashish powder and of locally packaged hashish bags [cakse], valued at one million pounds, has also been seized and 4 workers arrested in the plant.

The security agencies noticed recently the appearance of large quantities of hashish bags distributed at a wide scale. The information [available] asserted that the bags are processed locally, that they are distributed in all quarters and that they have reached al-Ma'adi and Hulwan. When this information was presented to Maj Gen Salah Amin, the Cairo security director, he asked Brig Gen 'Abbas al-'Asi, the director of intelligence, and Col 'Abd-al-Hadi Mukhaymir, the head of the criminal investigation, to intensify the search and to draw up a quick plan to seize the drug dealers and the plant in which the drug is processed.

The investigations of Col Fadi al-Habashi, the inspector of northern Cairo investigation, of Maj Nazir 'Abd-al-Latif, the head of Rawd al-Faraj investigation, and of Capt Hisham Muhammad, the assistant head of investigation, indicated that a drug dealer called Fu'ad Abu-al-'Ula, an escaped convict sentenced to a life-term in a drug case and owner of several buildings in Rawd al-Faraj, runs a major plant for reprocessing hashish smuggled to him from abroad and that he has built a garage behind one of his buildings and uses this garage for processing drugs.

The investigation, lasting 20 days, also indicated that the plant produces an abundant supply of hashish bags [cakes]. At dawn yesterday, the area was surrounded and the plant was stormed while the drug processing activity was in progress. Large quantities of hashish powder were found in nylon bags located inside plastic boxes and ready to be processed. Also found were bags of locally processed hashish, of the Ya Musahhirni [O you that keeps me awake] brand, inside cloth sacks. A machine run by a motor was also seized with some hashish remnants still inside it. Four persons, namely Sayyid 'Abd-al-'Aziz Mahrus, Ahmad Abu-al-'Ula Abu-al-'Ula, the drug dealer's cousin, Mahmud Muhammad 'Abd-al-'Aziz, a driver, and Hafiz 'Abd-al-Jalil, were apprehended while engaged in processing drugs.

'Adil Ashdu, a prosecution attorney, has taken charge of the investigation under the supervision of Samir Sulayman, the head of the drug prosecution office. It has also become evident that the seized hashish powder had been smuggled from abroad for the escaped defendant. The prosecutor has ordered detention of the four defendants and confiscation of the materials seized.

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EGYPT

SEIZURE OF DRUG PLANT REPORTED

Cairo AL-AHRAM in Arabic 28 Oct 80 p 10

[Article by Husayn Ghanim: "Seizure of Big Plant for Production of Makston Fort Drug; Plant Run by Two Brothers in Cellar in Their House"]

[Text] The drug control agencies of the Cairo Security Department have seized a big plant for the production of the Makston Fort drug [amphetamine substances]. The plant is run by two brothers in a cellar in their house in al-Zaytun. A large quantity of the drug was also seized in plastic containers. A smuggler and a businessman have been apprehended and the value of the seized drugs has been estimated at 400,000 pounds.

The phenomenon of Makston Fort peddling by drug dealers became widespread after it was noticed that large numbers of smokers [sic] in the popular quarters were using this drug which is dangerous to their health. The spread of this phenomenon urged the security agencies to move quickly and to intensify a large-scale search for the source of this substance and for the people suspected, focusing on some registered drug dealers who have resumed their activity.

Maj Gen Salah Amin, the director of Cairo security, asked Brig Gen 'Abbas al-'Asi to draw up a plan for exposing these dealers and their accomplices who open secret clinics to administer the drug to addicts and who have been producing this substance. Information received by Lt Col 'Abd-al-Jawad Ahmad 'Abd-al-Jawad indicated that Abu-Sari' Muhammad 'Uthman and his brother al-Sayyid run a big plant for distilling Makston Fort drug in their house, located in Abu-Darahim Quarter in al-Zaytun.

The house was kept under strict surveillance and a force commanded by Col Mahir Hasan, the head of the drug section, and Col Amin 'Uthman discovered the presence of the plant in a cellar under the aforementioned house and found out that the distilling operations take place in the early hours of the morning.

At dawn yesterday, Lieutenant Colonels 'Abd-al-Rahman Su'udi, Tal'at Mansur, Usamah Abu-Sa'dah and Hamdi al-Sazzar led a force which stormed the plant and seized all its equipment while the two brothers were engaged in producing the drug, in addition to seizing three plastic boxes containing 13,000 centimeters of the Makston Fort drug, 17 large bottles of iodine, 10 sacks of charcoal, 16 bags of sodium carbonate, 12 bottles of concentrated alcohol and other quantities of various powders and of glass bottles used in processing the drug, as well as a number of injection [syringes]. The two brothers were apprehended.

The same agencies have also been able to apprehend a smuggler and a prominent businessman and seized three large boxes containing Makston Fort in their possession. Investigations had confirmed the smuggler's plan to distribute the Makston Fort to the retailers in some popular quarters of the city and that a large quantity of the drug was scheduled to be delivered at a late hour of the night. Ambushes were laid around the smuggler's home in Sulayman Basha al-Faransawi Street in Misr al-Qadimah under the supervision of Col Mahir Hasan, the head of the drug section, Col Ahmad 'Uthman and Lt Col 'Abd-al-Rahman Su'udi. Upon arrival, the shipment was seized and the smuggler and the businessman were apprehended. The quantities seized in both cases have been valued at 400,000 pounds. The investigation is being conducted by 'Isam Ahmad Muhammad, the narcotics prosecution attorney, under the supervision of Samir Sulayman, the chief prosecutor. Orders have been given for jailing the two defendants and for confiscating the seized materials.

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EGYPT

DRUG SMUGGLING ATTEMPT FOILED

Cairo AL-AHRAM in Arabic 16 Nov 80 p 10

[Article by Mustafa al-Tarabishi: "Helicopters Take Part in Uncovering Attempt to Smuggle 2 Tons of Drugs Across al-Bardawil Lake"]

[Text] The border guard forces have foiled the second drug-smuggling attempt in 2 weeks since the smugglers replaced the northern coast by the Sinai Peninsula coast and 2,000 kilograms of hashish and opium, valued at more than 4 million pounds, have been seized. Helicopters took part in helping the forces determine the area where the landing took place across al-Bardawil lake and the drug storage areas. A fishing boat which helped the smugglers has also been seized with a part of the smuggled shipment.

Lt Gen Ahmad Badawi, the minister of defense and of war production, issued instructions to Staff Maj Gen Faruq al-Sahn, commander of the border guard forces, to intensify the border guard and intelligence campaigns in order to eliminate attempts to smuggle drugs across the borders and to consider this a national goal.

All necessary resources were amassed to survey the Sinai desert and the northern coast because information had been received by Maj Gen Musallam Ahmad Musallam, the border intelligence commander, to the effect that the smugglers had changed their plans after the seizure 2 weeks ago of 4 tons of drugs which they had tried to smuggle across the northern coast, that they had begun to try smuggling across the Sinai desert and that they had actually succeeded in smuggling large shipments of drugs across al-Bardawil Lake.

The border guard commander issued his instructions for a followup to foil the operation in coordination with the command of the second field army and the air force. Helicopters kept under surveillance the rugged mountain routes and the desert trails which the smugglers cross.

It was thus possible to spot a caravan comprised of 17 camels heading from Jazirat Muhaysh on al-Bardawil Lake to southern Bi'r al-'Abd. Orders were issued for pursuing the caravan. Mobile patrols equipped with radio and camel-mounted forces attacked the caravan while helicopters controlled the location and directed the attack forces. After a battle in which fire was exchanged with the forces, the smugglers left the camels and fled across the rugged mountain trails. It has become evident that the drugs carried by the camels amounted to 2 tons, including 100 kilograms of opium. The rest of the drugs consisted of hashish cakes of various kinds. The value of all the seized drugs has been estimated at nearly 4 million pounds.

While inspecting boats in al-Bardawil lake, the border guard of al-Bardawil Lake area found a quantity of drugs inside tin cans in boat No 421 which operates on the lake. It has become evident that the boat was one of those used to smuggle the drugs and that the quantity seized in the boat was its captain's share instead of cash payment for the smuggling operation. The case has been referred to al-'Arish prosecution and 'Ala' Shawqi, the first deputy prosecutor, has begun the investigation.

Maj Gen Faruq al-Sahn, the border guard commander, has stated that the smugglers have begun to employ the latest means available, and to post their men in the smuggling border areas in order to discover any gaps that can be used to sneak into the country. However, the forces are fully prepared to deal with the smugglers with equipment more modern than theirs.

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EGYPT

SHOE MANUFACTURER, TWO SONS FOUND TO BE DRUG DEALERS

Initial Findings, Arrests

Cairo AL-AHRAM in Arabic 12 Dec 80 p 8

[Article by Husayn Ghanim: "Shoe Merchant Smuggles 2 Million Pounds Worth of Narcotics Inside Halawah Cans"]

[Text] General Narcotics Department authorities have arrested the owner of a shoe factory and his son in the act of smuggling a huge shipment of hashish worth 2 million Egyptian pounds, which was concealed inside five large sacks in their home across from Dar al-Katib [the publishing house] near Bab al-Khalq. The security agencies had observed the recent appearance of large amounts of various kinds of narcotics, packaged in large plastic containers of the kind used for packing sesame halawah, being circulated on the drug market.

Information received by General Narcotics Department Director Maj Gen Sami As'ad also indicated that this season the drug smugglers in Lebanon have resorted to this method to make it easier to smuggle drugs into Egypt and flood the country with narcotics, with the assistance of drug dealers in al-Batiniyah, who transferred their activities and domiciles abroad in order to camouflage them. Investigations made by Deputy Narcotics Director Maj Gen Mamduh Salim Zaki, Information Section Director Col Muhammad 'Abbas, and Overseas Activity Section Chief Col Sayyid Ghayth indicated that a gang of Lebanese and Egyptians had succeeded in smuggling a huge shipment of narcotics into the country last month, and that some members of this gang had been observed visiting some drug dealers.

While tailing them, Lt Cols Majdi Husayn, Mahmud 'Abd-al-Rashid, and Shafiq al-'Ashari recorded several meetings in different places between gang members and drug dealers in al-Batiniyah, who met in order to reach an agreement on selling the smuggled drug shipment. It became evident that one of them was Muhammad Ahmad 'Abdallah, better-known as Ahmad al-Shimi, the 52-year old owner of a shoe factory and the manager of a shoe shop on al-Fahamayn Street in al-Ghawriyah.

Investigations proved that he was using the manufacture and sale of shoes as a screen to cover up his real drug dealing activities, that he had been arrested 10 years ago in a drug case, and that he was the link between the smugglers and the drug dealers in concluding deals to sell smuggled shipments. More than once last week he was seen in the company of some drug dealers in the night spots along al-Haram Street.

Cols Mustafa al-Kashif and Ahmad Nada and Lt Col 'Imad Rashid were assigned to continue the investigation in order to find out where the shipment was hidden. They went to the shoe shop several times to pretend to buy shoes, but they noticed that the merchant began bargaining with them to try to find out their real intentions.

Once they ascertained that he had hidden the drug shipment at his home on Dar al-Katib street near the Bab al-Khalq Square, they joined forces with Col 'Isam al-Tarsawi and Lt Cols Sayyid Muhammadayn, Muhammad al-Imam, and Samir Badawi in raiding the eighth floor flat yesterday morning. They were surprised to find five bags thrown under the beds of the merchant and his son, inside of which were numerous plastic containers filled with "Habu Layali al-'Umar" brand powdered hashish and blocks of "Ghazzalah" and "Bilad al-'Arab lil-'Arab" brand hashish. The merchant's factory and shop were searched, but nothing was found there. First Deputy Narcotics Prosecutor 'Adil Salih is conducting the investigation, with the supervision of Chief Prosecutor Samir Sulayman.

Second Son Arrested With More Hashish

Cairo AL-AHRAM in Arabic 14 Dec 80 p 10

[Article by Husayn Ghanim: "Another Shipment of Drugs Worth 1 Million Pounds Found in the Home of the Shoe Dealer's Second Son"]

[Text] For the second time, security agencies seized another shipment of powdered hashish worth 1 million pounds, also packaged in halawah cans concealed by another shoe merchant in his home on al-Haysh Street.

This dealer is the second son of the shoe merchant who was arrested earlier, along with his son, for concealing 2 million pounds worth of narcotics. The narcotics prosecutor ordered the imprisonment of the first dealer and his two sons.

The narcotics prosecutor has continued the investigation of the 52-year old shoe dealer named Muhammad 'Abdallah, also known as Ahmad al-Shimi, and his 22-year old son Faraj, following their arrest yesterday morning. In their flat on Bab al-Khalq Square, they had hidden five sacks of powdered hashish smuggled from Lebanon worth an estimated 2 million pounds. While they were being investigated, Narcotics Department Director Maj Gen Sami As'ad was informed that the dealer had another son named Ahmad, who had opened another shoe shop in the same part of al-Ghawriyah, and who had significant links with some drug smugglers. A team of narcotics officers, under the supervision of Cols Muhammad 'Abbas and Sayyid Chayth and Lt Col Mahmud 'Abd-al-Rashid, was assigned to promptly investigate this merchant and his circumstances in the area. The investigations revealed that he was storing all the smuggled drug shipments, and that he had, in addition, distributed some of the narcotics inside cardboard shoe boxes.

In light of this information, First Deputy Narcotics Prosecutor Salah Hilal issued a warrant to search the flat and shop of the merchant's son. A force raided his home on al-Jaysh Street at the same time as his shop, and seized three large sacks concealed under the bed, inside of which were large plastic containers containing powdered hashish.

The investigation is being handled by 'Adil Salih, at the office of Mahmud Farraj. The first dealer and his son were ordered imprisoned for the first case, and the second was ordered imprisoned for the second case.

Representative of the American FBI's Anti-Smuggling Section Mr Charles expressed his strong admiration for the method followed by the Egyptian narcotics authorities, and his amazement at the prompt arrest, which did not take very long considering the huge amount of narcotics seized, and at the way the authorities connected the various drug cases so as to discover the leaders of the gang and the major international smugglers and thwart their plans.

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EGYPT

BORDER FORCES THWART SMUGGLING ATTEMPT IN MARSА MATRUH

Cairo AL-AHRAM in Arabic 19 Dec 80 p 8

[Article by Mustafa al-Tarabishi: "Border Guard Refuses a 30,000 Pound Bribe and Thwarts an Attempt to Smuggle 9 tons of Narcotics into Matruh"]

[Text] An officer of the Border Forces refused a 30,000 pound bribe to enable a drug dealer to smuggle 9 tons of narcotics into the northern coast through Marsa Matruh, and a well-known Alexandria automobile dealer who attempted to bribe another officer and recruit him on the side of the drug smugglers to make it easy for them to pick up narcotics from underwater hiding places and cache them along the northern coast was arrested. The two were remanded to the military prosecutor.

Recently the Border Forces have successfully thwarted several attempts to smuggle huge quantities of narcotics into the northern coast and the al-'Arish coast, now that the Border Forces have been reinforced with airplanes and high speed motor boats. The smugglers have resorted to another method--trying to contact a Border Force officer and recruit him to facilitate the smuggling of narcotics by means of hidden caches spread all across the northern coast. Two assistants of one smuggler contacted a young officer and tried to tempt him with a flat, so he could get married, and with the payment of 30,000 pounds on the condition that he would make it easy for them to pick up large quantities of narcotics from underwater drops and then cache the narcotics east of Marsa Matruh. The officer immediately contacted his superiors and informed them of the situation, and they asked him to go along with the two. Border Force Intelligence Director Maj Gen Musallam Ahmad Musallam submitted the matter to Border Force Commander Maj Gen 'Ali Faruq al-Sahn, who asked him to get all the technical equipment ready to record the meeting between the smuggler's agents and the officer, after seeking permission from the military prosecutor.

The smuggler's agents gave 5,000 pounds to the officer as a first installment, the remaining 25,000 pounds to be paid upon completion of the operation. On the date set by the intermediaries for picking up the narcotics from the sea, the necessary ambushes were laid, under the supervision of the detachment commander and the Matruh intelligence office of the Border Forces, to wait for the motorboat in which the smugglers would bring the narcotics to shore. While waiting, one of the smuggler's vehicles, which had been assigned to carry the narcotics inland, ran into one of the ambushes on the al-Sidfah road. The driver sent up flares to warn the motorboat, which had begun entering territorial waters, not to come any

closer. The boat's crew threw the already-packaged narcotics in the boat overboard and fled, retreating outside territorial waters. After arresting the smuggler's assistants, referring them to the military prosecutor, and confiscating the 5,000 pounds, the Border Forces scoured the entire area in order to seize the narcotics. Information submitted to Border Force Intelligence Director Maj Gen Musallam Ahmad Musallam confirmed that there were an estimated 9 tons of narcotics, some of which the sea has begun to toss around in the waves.

In Alexandria, a well-known automobile dealer, whose showroom had been a cover for drug dealings, was arrested after he tried to bribe a petty officer to get him to help a large drug smuggler unload some narcotics. The meeting between the officer and the automobile dealer was recorded by means of technical equipment belonging to the Border Force intelligence office.

The commander of the Border Force ordered the payment of a large bonus to each of the two officers in appreciation of their actions.

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BEDOUINS CAUGHT RED-HANDED PICKING UP NARCOTICS FROM LAKE BARDAWIL CACHE

Cairo AL-AHRAM in Arabic 24 Dec 80 p 10

[Article by Mustafa al-Tarabishi: "In Sinai, a Bedouin and His Two Sons Pursued While Smuggling a Half-Ton of Narcotics Hidden in Lake Bardawil"]

[Text] After chasing them into the desert, border patrols arrested a Bedouin and his two sons who were transporting a half-ton of narcotics which they had hidden in Lake Bardawil and which they were trying to smuggle into the country.

Sinai drug smugglers had begun caching the narcotics which they had been able to acquire outside the country, placing them in rubber tires and leaving them in the waters of Lake Bardawil, so as to wait for the first opportunity to pick them up and smuggle them into the country. They had been doing this ever since Hurricane Zafir, which buffeted the northern coast, caused some of the narcotics which the smugglers in Marsa Matruh and West Alexandria had cached underwater to be thrown up out of the water onto the shore by the waves.

Information reached Border Force Intelligence Commander Maj Gen Musallam Ahmad Musallam that a Bedouin named Suwaylim Salim Nughaymish and his two sons, Salim and Nughaymish, had planned to transport some narcotics along the shores of Lake Bardawil to the Jabal al-Magharah area in central Sinai, and that they had buried some of it right along the shore preparatory to transporting it by automobile to the southern part of the al-'Arish-al-Qantarah road, where it would afterwards be transported south by camels trained to cross sand dunes.

Border Force Commander Maj Gen 'Ali Faruq al-Sahn ordered the arrest of the smugglers red-handed. One of the ambushes had been able to observe the activities of the smugglers, who came in the early hours in their own car, a Jeep bearing Sinai License Number 1138, and removed the buried narcotics and put them into the automobile.

The ambush surprised them and surrounded them on all sides. They began to flee in the automobile, after throwing out the hashish-filled tires in order to make their load lighter and make use of the vehicle's full power. However, the leader of the force continued to chase the vehicle until he arrested the three. They came back and collected the narcotics, which appeared to weigh one-half-ton, worth about 1 million Egyptian pounds.

The three suspects were referred to the Di'r al-'Id prosecutor in Sinai, who ordered their imprisonment.

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EGYPT

DRUG DEALER APPREHENDED BY AUTHORITIES

Cairo AL-AHRAM in Arabic 17 Oct 80 p 10

[Article by Husayn Ghanim: "Former Student of Cinema Institute Apprehended With One Million Pounds' Worth of Makston Fort in His Possession"]

[Text] For the second time in a month, the Egyptian security agencies have been able to seize a large quantity of the Makston Fort drug, valued at one million pounds, with a former student of the Cinema Institute after an exciting chase at the entrance of Ambabah-Corniche al-Nil bridge and while the person concerned was on his way to deliver the drug to drug dealers.

Information received by the drug control section of the Cairo Security Directorate indicated abnormal activity by the drug dealers to push the Makston Fort drug after having been able to acquire quantities of the raw materials needed for producing this drug and that the dealers had drawn up plans to flood the country, especially the worker areas and the popular quarters, with this drug. Information received by Lt Col 'Abd-al-Rahman Su'udi indicated that some of the dealers, who are registered merchants, meet around drinking tables in cabarets and entertainment spots to prepare their plans. Maj Gen Salah Amin, the Cairo security director, issued instructions to observe the activities of these dealers and to identify some of their accomplices. Brig Gen 'Abbas al-'Asi, the director of criminal intelligence, and Col Mahir Hasan, the head of the drug control section, prepared the necessary plan. The investigations of Col Ahmad 'Uthman, the deputy director [wakil] of the drug [control section], indicated that Midhat Salah-al-Din al-Sayyid, a 26-year old man who was dismissed from the Ciname Institute because of his delinquency, who stole a Mazda car from across the Hilton Hotel and sold it to a person in Rawd al-Faraj and was jailed for 6 months, started transporting drugs for some drug dealers out of his desire for quick profit. It was determined that he established firm relations with a number of drug dealers, that he gained experience in manufacturing the Makston Fort drug, that he was threatened with death by drug dealers for attempting to monopolize the manufacturing of the drug, that he succumbed to the dealers' control after they had supplied him with raw materials for processing the drug. He also bought a taxicab and used it for transporting the drugs so that he may claim that the drugs belong to a passenger if caught.

Col 'Abd-al-Rahman Su'udi was able to record the defendant's meeting and the date of the transactions he concluded with the drug dealers. Ambushes were laid at Cairo's exit roads, and lieutenant colonels Tal'at Mansur and Husam Abu-Sa'dah

led a force to observe the defendant's moves on leaving his home in his taxicab. Upon reaching al-Cizah bridge, the defendant made a sharp turn for Corniche al-Nil Street and headed for al-Jala' bridge and from there to Ambabah bridge. At the end of this bridge, another force, led by lieutenant colonels Hamdi al-Jazzar and 'Abd-al-Jawad Ahmad 'Abd-al-Jawad, was blocking the exits. The defendant was chased and apprehended in the Corniche Street and seven plastic containers filled with the Makston Fort drug and valued at one million pounds were seized in his taxicab. Prosecution attorney 'Adil Muhammad Salih has taken charge of the investigation.

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EGYPT

BRIEFS

DRUG TREATMENT CENTERS -- The Higher Advisory Committee for Social Defense discussed in its meeting yesterday under the chairmanship of Dr Amal 'Uthman, minister of social insurance and minister of state for social affairs, the possibility of benefiting from the U.S. plan for setting up three centers for the treatment of drug addicts in the quarters of al-Qubbah and al-Sayyidah Zaynab. The plan seeks to provide social and psychological care for addicts. The committee also prepared a study on crime and its relationship with development so that it may constitute the committee's working topic next year now that it has been discussed in the international conferences held at the United Nations and in Geneva [sic]. The committee has also decided to prepare a national plan and to conduct a comprehensive survey on the problem of drugs in Egypt in coordination with the agencies concerned with this problem in the Ministries of Social Affairs, Justice, Interior and Health. [Text] [Cairo AL-AHRAM in Arabic 17 Nov 80 p 8] 8494

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SOUTH AFRICA

DRUG ACTION GROUP FORMED IN EAST RAND

Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English 30 Jan 81 p 12

[Article by Rene Richards]

[Text] An action committee is to be established on the East Rand by a group of concerned people to combat the escalating drug problem among teenagers in the area.

This step by the Boksburg community results from the deaths of four young people from Wellconal overdoses in the past two months on the East Rand.

One of the speakers at the meeting called by the town's MP, Mr Sakkie Blanché, was Colonel Basie Smit, head of the police Narcotics Bureau.

He said 33 cases of Wellconal overdoses had been reported in the past 18 months, with the majority taking place in the past six months.

These included 25 cases of obtaining the pills with false prescriptions and three of theft, involving a total of 12 400 tablets.

A big problem was that some drugs were gained legally but were then illegally used such as Mandrax. Two years ago the drug was relatively unknown but in the past 18 months over 400 000 tablets had been imported.

Smuggling

"Although smuggling carries a high risk for the dealers it is also very profitable. They pay about 27 cents per tablet and then sell them between R10 and R15 each," Col Smit said.

With nearly 6 000 smugglers appearing in court in one year, it was not difficult to imagine what the total of users stood at in South Africa, he said.

Although LSD was on the increase, dagga would remain the biggest problem in South Africa as it was in overseas countries, according to an international survey.

Col Smit said dagga was now appearing in a processed form and the potency of liquid hashish as it was known, was much greater.

Col Smit said the drug problem was many-sided and everybody had to fight together to destroy the complex social chain from the user to the dealer.

Police can only work with cases brought to their notice and all information was needed from the public to gain a complete picture of the problem.

"Community involvement is necessary and could mean that your children can be cured if treated in time," he said.

Alcohol

Another big problem is alcohol abuse which unlike dagga, is legal, Mr W P van Wyk, deputy director of the Department of Health's drug abuse section, said.

Mr Van Wyk broke drug abusers down into four categories: those who experiment out of curiosity; people taking drugs periodically--such as at parties; drug users who still try to lead normal lives; and addicts who cannot continue without help.

He said the combination of drugs and alcohol also caused serious problems and certain combinations could cause death. Many people used patent medicines with dagga or alcohol which was very dangerous.

Primary prevention was the best cure and it was important to reach children before they entered the experimental stage.

Parents

Parents should help their children to build up a resistance to drugs and they should be taught to deal with their problems in a constructive way.

"Satisfying human relationships were vital as we find most of our cases are the subjects of broken and unhappy homes," he said.

Parents also had to take a look at their own use of alcohol and pills in order to impress their own children with the dangers of abuse.

"Prevention is a matter for all and the earlier the problem is recognised, the more lasting treatment will be," he said.

Mr Abe Meyer, mayor of Boksburg, who chaired the meeting, said it was frightening when one realised the backbone of the nation was involved with drugs. It was time to do something about it.

He and Mr Blanché will invite leading members of the community to serve on an action committee.

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SOUTH AFRICA

PFP APPEALS FOR REVIEW OF DRUG ABUSE LEGISLATION

Capetown THE CAPE TIMES in English 18 Dec 80 p 5

[Text]

JOHANNESBURG. — The Transvaal Provincial Council has been accused of not heeding urgent calls to prevent the abuse of hard drugs and to introduce school programmes on drug matters.

The Progressive Federal Party (PFP) this week made a direct appeal to the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, to review South Africa's drug abuse legislation as all former appeals to local authorities "had fallen on deaf ears".

The party's stand follows a hard-hitting statement by one of the country's top drug experts who urged the government to review drug abuse prevention measures as a matter of urgency.

Dr Sylvain de Miranda, head of clinical services for the South African National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (Sancad), warned that unless the government was prepared to change its current strategy on drug abuse, the country was heading for "more deaths and disasters".

He was referring to recent tragic deaths — two of them last week — of three young East Rand people who had abused the powerful morphine-based narcotic, Wellcanol.

What South Africa faced was no different to the heroin scene in New York, Amsterdam and London, and it stood to reason that the government's policies on drug abuse were not working and

had to be overhauled, Dr De Miranda said.

Mr Simon Chilchik, PFP MPC and the official opposition spokesman on drug matters in the Transvaal Provincial Council, said that the fact that a direct appeal had to be made to the prime minister — "over the head of all local authorities" — underlined the seriousness of the drug abuse situation.

He said that the PFP had repeatedly urged successive administrators to introduce school programmes to make pupils aware of the dangers of hard drugs, but these had been ignored.

In his appeal to the government, Dr Miranda said that:

- There was a sad lack of meaningful preventive education and gross neglect on the part of the government in equipping South African children with "lifestyle education".

- Current drug laws were not curbing drug abuse but landing thousands of youngsters with criminal records.

- "Non-criminal" sentences and enforced treatment or rehabilitation for those convicted under the drug laws had to be provided for.

- The current hard drug trend in South Africa was similar to that overseas and "spelt danger".

- Parents' and teachers' organizations had to get involved in awareness programmes on drug abuse.

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SOUTH AFRICA

BRIEFS

DAGGA FIND IN NELSPRUIT--A large quantity of dagga had been destroyed by police, Major C Van Rensburg of the Narcotics Squad said yesterday afternoon. Two police helicopters searched the districts of Nelspruit, White River, Barberton and Hoedspruit for 13 days. Sixteen detectives took part in the operation. More than 100 cultivated patches of dagga were spotted in the mountains and several people were arrested. About 8 000 kg of dagga, worth thousands of Rands, on the illegal market, were destroyed.--Sapa. [Text] [Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English 27 Jan 81 p 11]

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DENMARK

POLICE ESTIMATE 150 DEATHS FROM DRUGS IN 1980

Copenhagen BERLINGSKE TIDENDE in Danish 23 Dec 80 p 5

[Text] This year there has again been a marked increase in the quantity of drugs confiscated by the narcotics police and the riot patrol in Copenhagen. At the same time, the number of drug-related deaths has increased to 150.

There has been an increase in hashish and marijuana of 400 to 1,300 kilos, with a selling price on the black market of 35-40 kroner per gram. When the importer sends a courier to Morocco or the Far East in order to buy cannabis, it costs him .60-2.40 kroner per gram.

Most of the 11.5 kilos of heroin confiscated is of the more expensive quality which costs about 10,000 kroner per gram. In producing countries, one can buy heroin-3, which in this country costs 1,500 kroner per gram, for 27-255 kroner per gram.

The Copenhagen police have confiscated 1 kilo of the so-called upper class narcotic--cocaine. Cocaine is mainly sold in exclusive nightclubs and in the better social circles for about 1,500 kroner per gram. For the importers, it costs 27-85 kroner per gram, and is picked up in Colombia or Bolivia in South America.

However, far the largest amount of the drugs confiscated have been imported from Turkey. For a number of years the refined cannabis plant and the opium poppy were not grown in Turkey, but now a large production has grown up there because the farmers make much more money on the illegal crop than they do on grain and foodstuff.

The police, however, mostly fear LSD, which again has appeared in Copenhagen. LSD is a hallucinogen which often gives the user delusions and, in several cases, people who have taken it have acted totally atypically under its influence. A number of murders were committed several years after the individuals stopped taking the drug, because the user can experience flashbacks to the LSD-induced state of mind even after long periods without the drug.

An LSD-trip in Copenhagen costs 20-30 kroner, but it can be bought in Holland for 3-15 kroner.

The police can only guess at the number of drug addicts, but think that there are about 15,000 in the entire country, and of these, approximately 12,000 are in Copenhagen. "It is impossible to find out the exact number because the treatment centers refuse to register the addicts," a high-ranking policeman told BERLINGSKE.

In addition to the confiscated drugs, the police have seized almost 5 million kroner in Danish and foreign currency which was in the possession of the accused in the cases.

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DENMARK

SEVERAL SENTENCED FOR DEALINGS IN HASHISH

Copenhagen BERLINGSKE TIDENDE in Danish 6 Dec 80 p 5

[Text] With a remark about the fact that 36-year-old Niels Hammer, as far as the courts could see, had held a central position in the trafficking of hashish and other similar goods from the Middle East and Far East, Copenhagen's municipal court yesterday sentenced him to 6 years in jail. The case is an offshoot of a larger complex of cases in which, among others, a doctor was implicated.

The case goes back to the fall of 1977, when Hammer was alleged to have bought a large amount of marijuana in Thailand with a view to exporting it to the United States and Canada. In the spring of 1978 he bought a large quantity of marijuana in Thailand, but it was confiscated there. According to the opinion of the court, these dealings involved a total of 800 to 1,600 kg of marijuana.

He was also sentenced for having participated in an attempt to smuggle 155 kg of hashish and 5 kg of hashish-oil from Lebanon to Denmark; however, the goods were confiscated in Hamburg. Finally, he was sentenced for smuggling 102 kg of hashish from Lebanon to Denmark, where it was confiscated, on 14 January of this year. He pleaded not guilty to all charges and appealed the sentence with a request for acquittal.

Also, the court in Helsingør heard an extensive hashish case involving 16 young people. Several of them have received sentences; others are waiting for their cases to go to court. It was with this group that the police found an arsenal of weapons, including machine pistols. Yesterday morning, 30-year-old Hugo Walther Christensen from Copenhagen was sentenced to 3 years in jail.

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DENMARK

INSURANCE FIRMS OFFER TO CONTRIBUTE TO DRUG TREATMENT

Copenhagen BERLINGSKE TIDENDE in Danish 24 Dec 80 p 3

[Text] "If the politicians create a background for effective treatment, the insurance companies are willing to go a long way to support the fight against narcotics," said the chairman of the Insurance Association, director H. O. Thulstrup of Nye Danske Loyd.

"It has been documented that break-ins committed by drug addicts cost the Danish insurance companies at least 75 million kroner a year, and the real amount is probably many times larger."

"However, our support requires a combined form of treatment which is politically recognized. Information, brochures and a raised finger cannot get support. Those efforts do not help in any way whatever," he said.

The Insurance Association has just refused to support the establishment of a methadone clinic in Amager, because this could be viewed as approval of one particular form of treatment which has not received the Folketing's recognition.

"It is not the task of the insurance companies to take a position in favor of one particular method of treatment," said H. O. Thulstrup.

In Topsikring, director Jorn Agerskov estimates that each year the insurance companies pay out over 300 million kroner in damages as a result of break-ins and thefts committed by drug addicts.

Jorn Agerskov: "Instead of just increasing the premiums to our customers, who will then bear the expense of the drug-related crimes, the insurance companies should get to the root of the problem. At least half of the break-ins and thefts today are committed by drug addicts, and the question is if, in reality, this figure isn't much higher. I believe that the insurance companies' drug-related expenses amount to about 300 million kroner a year."

The Insurance Society's chairman and director, Jorn Agerskov of Topsikring, is backed by the other large Danish insurance companies: Hafnia, Haand i Haand, Baltica, TRYG Forsikring and Codan. However, all impose the same conditions for giving money to the fight against narcotics, namely that the treatment projects must be recognized by the experts and have political approval.

However, as director Peter Zobel of Codan says: "From the standpoint of society, the idea is so tremendous that it only has to imply a very small advantage to the companies for them to support it."

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FRANCE

BRIEFS

EDUCATION ON DRUGS--The inroads that drugs are making in the school system are beginning to worry the National Education Federation; it is going to devote a 150-page booklet to the problem. Two disquieting facts must now be faced: ever younger children are becoming addicted and the distribution networks are expanding. [Text] [Paris LE POINT in French 12 Jan 81 p 29]

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NORWAY

PAPER COMMENTS ON DRUG TRAFFICKING'S MOVE TO PROVINCES

Oslo AFTENPOSTEN in Norwegian 9 Jan 81 p 2

[Editorial: "Narcotics Away From Town"]

[Text] At the great narcotics seize in Baerum recently, the police confiscated more than 20 kilos of hashish. For the year 1980 the "total amount" for Oslo--in comparison--was 36 kilos. Perhaps this can serve as a dramatic illustration of the increasing drug problems in the municipalities close to the capital.

When the narcotics use started to spread here in the country, it was to a great extent a phenomenon of the larger cities. These problems have long ago spread to a series of towns and smaller places. It may seem as if the region closest to the capital is in a way twice as vulnerable. The elements that earn big money on drug abuse, most likely feel no respect for community borders. When a market had been established around Oslo's satellite towns, it had to be expected that the dealers would in their next round concentrate on the youth milieu in Baerum, Oppegard, Ski, As, Lorenskog and other central Akershus municipalities.

It is a great, and unfortunately steadily increasing challenge we are faced with here. In Oppegard, for example, one out of every five youngsters has tried narcotics. This is very close to the level in the satellite towns mentioned.

It is often pointed out, and justifiably so, that the fight against the narcotics evils is not an issue for the police alone. It is a matter of expansion of the social assistance apparatus and to an even greater extent preventive work. As an example, it would be of great importance if usable offers could be developed to the unorganized portion of the youth.

But even if the fight against narcotics, as such, is not only a police matter, it is absolutely necessary that the law enforcement will be given sufficient capacity in order to solve its part of the task. And as has come forth in reports in this paper, the local police stations and sheriffs' offices are today considerably short of the resources they need.

In many cases there are simply no possibilities of operating patrolling activities in strategic places. They need their own narcotics division. The situation therefore becomes such that the business flourishes freely as long as the clientele does not disturb the general peace and quiet of the community.

The police is supplied with a series of new positions in the national budget for the current year, especially in order to expand the hunt for narcotics criminals. It then becomes important that these new resources be granted to the districts where the need is greatest. Oslo is of course in a special situation in that respect. But there can hardly be any doubt that the capital's closest neighbors have been especially susceptible in recent years. The very modest new appointments that will be carried through later this year, should definitely be carried over to future budgets.

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NORWAY

BRIEFS

BRITONS ARRESTED FOR SMUGGLING--Two British citizens, both in their thirties, were arrested at the Sola Airport Tuesday evening as they were leaving the country. Both were kept in custody Wednesday, charged with having brought large quantities of hashish to Norway. Therewith a total of 16 persons have been arrested in connection with the unfolding of the great narcotics case in Baerum, where the police a week ago confiscated over 20 kilos of hashish and found 1,3 million kroner in bills in an outhouse at the property where the people were staying. Police Inspector Arne Huuse of the narcotics section of Oslo's police headquarters tells AFTENPOSTEN that both men have operated as couriers, and that it was information that came forth during questioning of persons who were arrested at the commune, that made it possible for the police in Oslo, to apprehend the two Englishmen. One of the Englishmen had already boarded the plane when the police arrived. Whether the two are regarded as the leaders in the narcotics league, Huuse will not say, but is definite about the fact that central persons in the ring probably brought great quantities of hashish into the country. One of the Englishmen had been sentenced earlier in his homeland for bringing narcotics into the country. [Text] [Oslo AFTENPOSTEN in Norwegian 9 Jan 81 p 40] 9583

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SWEDEN

OFFICIAL REPORT DETAILS AMOUNTS, VALUE OF DRUGS SMUGGLED

Stockholm DAGENS NYHETER in Swedish 31 Dec 80 p 7

[Text] During 1980 Swedish hashish smokers used over 11 tons of hashish and marijuana. If this were sold at the street price of 60 kronor per gram, it would have a value of about 700 million kronor.

Together with a total of about 400 kg of amphetamines, heroin and fenmetralin, and lesser quantities of opium, LSD and cocaine, the street value of Swedish narcotics consumption this year is about 1 billion kronor.

These figures come from the police and customs office. According to internal investigations, about 5-10 percent of all the narcotics brought into and sold in Sweden during a year is confiscated. The customs office estimates it at 5 percent, the narcotics division of the national police put the figure at 10 percent.

Wishful Thinking

"Somewhat wishful thinking," says Torvald Nilsson, information chief in the division. "Actually, it is a few percentage points lower."

The statistics of the customs office and the police show that a total of 800 kg of cannabis was confiscated in 1980. If that is 7 percent of the total quantity of imported hashish, the annual consumption in 1980 would be slightly more than 11 tons. Is that really a reasonable figure?

"Yes," says Nilsson. "It sounds fantastic but it is wholly reasonable."

Using the same percentage base, the 2.7 kg of heroin confiscated would be part of 40 kg sold in Sweden during 1980. Since addicts on the street pay 2,500 kronor per gram, the heroin would be worth 100 million kronor.

But a large part of the narcotics is used by those who live by selling it. Most big users of narcotics pay only half the street price, and many sellers receive their profits in narcotics.

Along with hashish and heroin, amphetamine preparations and fenmetralin are the most common drugs. During the year about 24 kg of amphetamine preparations and slightly over 1 kg of fenmetralin were confiscated. Swedish addicts thus used

slightly over 350 kg of the two drugs. The price per gram on the street is about 250 kronor, which puts the total value at 85 million kronor.

These figures cast a new light on a "gigantic seizure" of 100 kg of hashish.

"Despite everything, we are now working with the wind behind us," Torvald Nilsson says. "With the same number of policemen we have doubled the number of confiscations compared with 1979."

Fortunate Concentration

"We decided to interrupt the street market much more than formerly, a concentration which we think has succeeded. The demand is decreasing, and Sweden will no longer remain so attractive to narcotics dealers."

Despite the concentration, the confiscation of cannabis has not increased, measured in kg. Last year the same quantity of cannabis was seized by the police and customs, 800 kg.

If street sales are interrupted, don't the sellers just move into apartments?

"Yes, but through the street sellers we can trace the chain to the apartment. That has happened several times this fall," Nilsson says.

The heroin which comes to Sweden is largely produced in Turkey and Iran. The hashish comes from Lebanon, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Morocco.

Through Denmark

"The hashish most often comes via Denmark," says Hugo Nyberg, commissioner of criminal affairs in the narcotics division. It is brought into Sweden via Malmo and Helsingborg. A buyer here who can take 10-30 kg must pay 20,000 kronor per kg. After a number of middlemen it will cost 60 kronor per gram on the street.

Leif Lenke, a criminologist at the University of Stockholm, has investigated the narcotics traffic in Sweden.

"I do not want to comment on the 11 tons of hashish, but in regard to the other drugs, I am nowhere in the neighborhood of the police's figures."

"I worked backward, that is to say, I tried to determine how many people used heroin and amphetamines every day and how much they used. I ended up far from the police's figure of 40 kg," he says.

Don't Tally

"For example, it has been very difficult to obtain amphetamines during the year, which tallies poorly with the contention of the police that there has been over 300 kg on the market."

"I don't think it is possible to estimate the imports as the police do. Presumably confiscations vary between 0 and 50 percent."

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SWEDEN

POLICE ARREST MAN SUSPECTED OF FINANCING HEROIN RING

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[Text] One of the big financiers of the narcotics traffic in Sweden, a 39-year-old man, was arrested by the Huddinge court, south of Stockholm. He is suspected of being behind large quantities of narcotics, including heroin, which have been smuggled into Sweden in recent years.

In addition to the 39-year-old, two of his collaborators were also arrested, a narcotics courier and a seller. For security reasons, the arrest procedures took place in the police station in Fittja.

The 39-year-old has lived for the last 10 years on the narcotics business and has operated several legal and illegal clubs in Stockholm. The police became particularly interested in him in connection with the exposure of the so-called Turkish gang in Huddinge and Goteborg a year ago. He had collaborated with a Turkish narcotics king in Goteborg who is now serving a 12-year sentence.

For a long time the police have been looking for the 39-year-old and a week ago he was seized outside his home in Stockholm. At the same time the two collaborators were seized at other places in Stockholm.

The man is suspected of serious narcotics violations, but the suspicions about him will gradually include other criminal activity.

The 39-year-old has for several years directed and financed the narcotics traffic in Sweden. Among other things he financed the so-called Turkish gang which sold narcotics for many millions.

The man himself has not smuggled in any narcotics; others have done that. Several of his collaborators have been given prison sentences.

The police and the prosecutor do not want to overlook any of the details regarding the man and his narcotics business.

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AIRPORT DRUG ARRESTS--Stockholm, 30 Dec--Altogether seven people who came by air to Arlanda on different occasions during the Christmas holidays were arrested for possession of narcotics. On 23 December two men from a city in central Sweden were arrested with narcotics in their possession. They were coming from an African country. On Christmas Eve a man was seized with 30 grams of cannabis which he had hidden in his coat sleeve. On Christmas Day two men arrived about whom there were strong suspicions. No narcotics were found on them at the customs station, but they were taken under police guard to Lowenstrom Hospital in Upplands Vasby for examination of the anal passages. On the same evening two other men were caught with 2.5 kg of cannabis in their baggage. The men have been held.
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TURKEY

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NARCOTICS BRANCH CHIEF ARRESTED--Izmir Police Narcotics Branch Chief Dogan Basagi has been arrested and imprisoned by the Martial Law Military Court. As the result of an operation conducted by martial law military teams over the last month, Dogan Basagi was taken into custody on the charge of hiding in his office weapons belonging to two well-known Izmir underworld figures. Basagi was turned over to the Military Prosecutor's Office the day before yesterday. The former Narcotics Branch Chief, who gave a statement, was later placed under arrest. It is reported that in the days ahead Basagi will be put on trial on the charge of "concealing incriminating evidence and tampering with the course of the investigation." [Excerpt] [Istanbul DUNYA in Turkish 15 Jan 81 pp 1, 5]

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